

Response under 37 CFR § 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1652

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Widner et al.

Confirmation No. 4969

Serial No.: 09/834,271

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: April 12, 2001

Examiner: M. Monshipouri

For: Methods for Producing a Polypeptide in a Bacillus Cell

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Attorney Docket No.: 5455.210-US

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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed **October 6, 2004**.

No additional claims fee is required.

There is no required extension or claims fees, if you do find so please charge any fees, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: January 6, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

- 1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 2. Amendment and Marked Up Version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the address indicated above on January 6, 2005.

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